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COUNTRY: HONDURAS/MANAGUA
 SUBJECT: EVIDENCE OF PREPARATIONS FOR ASSASSINATION
 ATTEMPT AGAINST HONDURAN ARMED FORCES COMMANDER-IN-
 CHIEF BRIGADIER GENERAL <GUSTAVO ALVAREZ> (DOI:
 MID-JULY 1982)

1. IN MID-JULY 1982 VARIOUS REPORTS
 COMBINED WITH COROLLARY INCIDENTS,
 CONVINCED SENIOR HONDURAN OFFICIALS THAT
 TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS WERE MAKING PREPARATIONS TO ASSASSINATE
 "ARMED FORCES COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF BRIGADIER GENERAL <GUSTAVO
 >((ALVAREZ))> MARTINEZ.

REPORTED THAT A TERRORIST
 PLANNING AND RECONNAISSANCE TEAM HAD BEEN DISPATCHED TO
 HONDURAS FROM NICARAGUA TO DEVELOP AN OPERATIONAL PLAN TO
 ASSASSINATE ALVAREZ. THE TEAM
 CONSISTED OF AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF NICARAGUANS AND TWO CUBANS.

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THE TEAM IS TO HAVE COMPLETED ITS ASSASSINATION PLAY BY 31
 JULY 1982.

2. IN MID-JULY 1982, THE WIFE OF A NEIGHBOR OF GENERAL
 ALVAREZ WAS KIDNAPPED NEAR ALVAREZ' HOME BY TWO WELL
 DRESSED MEN WHO APPROACHED THE VICTIM BY CAR AND FORCED HER
 INTO THE VEHICLE. WHEN THE ABDUCTORS ADDRESSED HER AS
 MRS. ALVAREZ, SHE PRODUCED IDENTIFICATION PROVING SHE
 WAS NOT THE GENERAL'S WIFE. SHE WAS RELEASED ONLY AFTER
 THE TWO MEN THREATENED TO KILL HER IF SHE REPORTED THE INCI-
 DENT. THE VICTIM SUBSEQUENTLY IDENTIFIED THE KIDNAPPERS
 AS HAVING ARGENTINE OR URUGUAYAN ACCENTS AND THEIR
 VEHICLE AS A GREEN MERCEDES BENZ WITHOUT LICENCE PLATES.

3. IN EARLY JULY A POWERFUL BOMB WAS DETONATED ALONG
 THE ROAD LEADING TO GENERAL ALVAREZ' RESIDENCE WHICH WAS
 BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN A WARNING. THIS INCIDENT, COMBINED
 WITH THE KIDNAPPING AND THE REPORT ON THE TEAM DISPATCHED
 FROM NICARAGUA, HAS CAUSED MUCH HEAVIER PHYSICAL SECURITY
 TO BE PLACED AROUND GENERAL ALVAREZ.

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